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Note verbale dated 22 June 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with article VIII of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (General Assembly resolution 2222 (XXI), annex), has the honour to transmit the report of the Space Agency of Paraguay regarding the discovery of a space object in Paraguay (see annex).

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Annex

Report of the Space Agency of Paraguay regarding the discovery of a space object in Paraguay*

The Paraguay Space Agency learned of the discovery of a space object on a privately owned property located in the town of Itanará, Canindeyú Department, on 10 March 2018. The investigation that was carried out revealed that the object was a component part of the Long March CZ-3B/G2 launcher from China, used to launch the first communications satellite of Algeria, Alcomsat-1.

The security protocol for the handling of space debris was implemented with the assistance of the prosecutor's office of Prison Facility No. 3 of Canindeyú, which specializes in environmental crime, and with the technical support of the Ministry of Defence, through the National Commission for Preventing and Responding to Biological Emergencies (CONAPREB), in view of the fact that the object (a titanium tank weighing 6.7 kg) could have contained helium or hydrazine, the latter being highly toxic.

Furthermore, the investigation carried out by the Space Agency of Paraguay revealed that the object found in the town of Itanará, Canindeyú Department, bore the registration number 3CCA3%-0/B. It should be noted that the object is currently in the provisional custody of the Directorate of Military Materials of the Air Force of Paraguay, under the coordination of the Space Agency of Paraguay.

Data regarding the discovered object are provided in the table below:

No.	*Identifier*	*General location*	*Specific location (UTM zone 21K coordinates)*	*Circumference (cm)*	*Weight (kg)*
1	Tank	Private property, Itanará, Canindeyú	X, m. 640088.671243165 Y, m. 7373718.68926644	112	6.777

A map of the area is available at www.latlong.net/c/?lat=-23.741475&long=-55.625502.

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